

What is claimed as the invention is:

1. A fingerguard for mounting between a support frame and a leaf which is  
5 hingedly mounted on the support frame for movement between a closed position  
and an open position, the leaf having an end edge defined at the juncture of an end  
face and a front face of the leaf, the end face of the leaf being closely spaced from  
the support frame when in its closed position to define a gap, the end face being  
moved away from the support frame to cause said gap to be widened on movement  
10 of the leaf to its open position, the fingerguard including:

a first mounting strip for mounting on the support frame along one side of said  
gap and a second mounting strip for mounting on said leaf along an opposite side of  
the gap, a cover strip having a pair of spaced longitudinal edges, one of said  
longitudinal edges being secured to and along said first mounting strip and the other  
15 of said longitudinal edges being secured to and along the second mounting strip  
such that in use the cover strip extends across and prevents access into said gap, the  
cover strip including a sealing formation on its inner face opposed to the front face  
of the leaf, said sealing formation in use being held in sealing contact with said  
front face of the leaf so as to sealingly isolate said gap when the leaf is in its closed  
20 position.

2. A fingerguard according to claim 1 wherein the cover strip is generally  
planar and in use extends in a plane generally parallel to the front face of the leaf,  
the cover being resiliently extensible across its width as defined between said pair  
25 of longitudinal edges so as to have a minimum width when the leaf is in its fully  
closed position and a maximum width when the leaf is in its fully open position.

3. A fingerguard according to claim 2 wherein the cover strip, in cross-section,  
comprises a series of undulations which define a concertina-like body.

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4. A fingerguard according to claim 1 wherein the cover strip is extruded from  
a suitable resilient plastics material, preferably an elastomer.

5. A fingerguard according to claim 4 wherein each mounting strip is an extrusion formed from a suitable rigid material.

5 6. A fingerguard according to claim 5 wherein the cover strip and each mounting strip are integrally joined by being co-extruded with one another.

7. A fingerguard according to claim 1 wherein the sealing formation is defined by one or more sealing lips projecting from said inner face of the cover.

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8. A fingerguard for mounting between a support frame and a leaf which is hingedly mounted on the support frame for movement between a closed position and an open position, the leaf having an end edge defined at the juncture of an end face and a front face of the leaf; the end face of the leaf being closely spaced from the support frame when in its closed position to define a gap, the end face being moved away from the support frame to cause said gap to be widened on movement of the leaf to its open position, the fingerguard including

15 a first mounting strip for mounting on the support frame along one side of said gap and a second mounting strip for mounting on said leaf along an opposite side of the gap, a cover strip having a pair of spaced longitudinal edges, one of said longitudinal edges being secured to and along said first mounting strip and the other of said longitudinal edges being secured to and along the second mounting strip such that in use the cover strip extends across and prevents access into said gap, the cover strip being generally planar and in use extends in a plane generally parallel to the front face of the leaf, the cover being resiliently extensible across its width as defined between said pair of longitudinal edges so as to have a minimum width when the leaf is in its fully closed position and a maximum width when the leaf is in its fully open position.